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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2006.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-44 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 23-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 23-44 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hoellerer et al. (hereinafter refers as Hoellerer, Pub. No. US 2006/0174211 A1; filed: March 31, 2006 related-us-appl-data:parent US continuation 09329140 Jun. 09, 1999).

Independent claim 23.

A computer-implemented method in a project information management system, comprising:

Hoellerer in fig. 1A illustrates a personal computer on which the user interface of the invention may be effected. Hoellerer in fig. 3 clearly illustrates the step of “placing a first line on an electronic drawing sheet, the first line representing a first time interval and including a first set of project events”. Hoellerer at paragraph 0079 teaches receiving an indication of a selection of a portion of the first line that represents a second time interval within the first time interval, by adding or deleting events from the map. Also in paragraph 0105 indicates that each trip plans includes one or more events. Hoellerer in fig. 10 illustrates the step of placing a second line on the electronic drawing sheet corresponding to the second time interval, the second line

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representing an expanded view of the second time interval and including a second set of project events corresponding to the first set of project events. Hoellerer at the same paragraph teaches the data structure 1000 includes records 1010. Each of the records 1010 corresponds to a trip plan and may include a field 1012 for containing a unique identifier for identifying each of the alternative trip plans, fields 1014 for containing the start time of each of the events, and fields 1016 for containing the end time of each of the events. Hoellerer at paragraph 0020 teaches the consequences of changes to one type of information on one window are depicted in the other types of information on the other windows, as the step of claim claims: detecting a modification of a project event of the first set that is within the second time interval. Hoellerer in fig. 15 step 1308 teaches the step of automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the updated project event of the first set. Also Hoellerer at paragraph 0126 teaches that when an interval is automatically generated, such as when a date factoid is found in information returned in response to a query, all of the calendar alternatives may be updated to include the event.

Claim 24.

The method of Claim 23 further comprising adding at least one project events to the second line without modifying the selected portion of the first line. Hoellerer in fig. 10 illustrates that the calendar window 240 may include a number of alternative trip plans. Each of the trip plans includes one or more events (e.g., see a Redskins game, visit Aunt Betty, visit an aquarium, see autumn foliage, see the Statue of Liberty).

Claim 25.

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The method of Claim 23 wherein placing a first line on an electronic drawing sheet includes dragging a first shape from a stencil to the electronic drawing sheet with a pointing device.

Hoellerer in figs. 4A and 4B shows locations of events are depicted with markers such as circles.

Claim 26.

The method of Claim 23 wherein the first set of chronological sequence of project events includes events selected from the group consisting of project milestones, project time intervals, date markers, and task descriptions. Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations.

Claim 27.

The method of Claim 23 wherein selecting a portion of the first line to expand the selected portion includes dragging and dropping an icon over the selected portion of the first line.

Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations.

Claim 28.

Placing an icon on the selected portion of the first line and connecting the second line to the portion of the first line. Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations.

Claim 29.

The selected portion of the first line has a first length and the second line has a second length greater than the first length. Hoellerer at paragraph 0120 teaches if the user has deleted Camden but later decides to visit the Camden aquarium instead of the Baltimore aquarium, they can drag the marker from Baltimore to Camden. In an alternative embodiment, rather than having a single map in which the user can zoom and pan, a fixed set of maps may be used by the map window 220.

Claim 30.

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The portion of the first line includes a first location and a second location, and wherein placing a second line on the electronic drawing sheet includes establishing a line having a first end representing a time corresponding to the first location on the portion of the first line and a second end corresponding to the second location on the portion of the first line. Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations.

Claim 31.

Automatically updating the second set of project events in the second line to conform to the first set of project events includes modifying the second set of project events to be the same as the first set of project events. Hoellerer at paragraph 0126 teaches when an interval is automatically generated; such as when a date factoid is found in information returned in response to a query, all of the calendar alternatives may be updated to include the event.

The rejection of Claims 32, 35, 39, and 44 are similar to the rejection of claim 23.

Claims 33-34, and 36-38 Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations.

Claims 40-43, Hoellerer in fig. 2B shows the claim limitations. Also Hoellerer in fig. 10, recall that the calendar window 240 may include a number of alternative trip plans. Each of the trip plans includes one or more events (e.g., see a Redskins game, visit Aunt Betty, visit an aquarium, see autumn foliage, see the Statue of Liberty).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javid A. Amini whose telephone number is 571-272-7654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4pm.

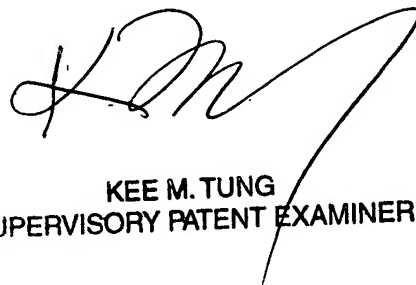
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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